Dear Howard,

9/9/74

No deal, just confusion over your summer's plans account for your having heard nothing. As you can see, I had an envelope waiting. You were going away for a while, remember? So, I waited to hear from you.

And until a couple of days ago I stayed extra busy. They I got pooped and had to ease off. Your 8/30 came only today/postmarked 9/3 Phila., which is not in accord with your writing 8/30 "I leave for Fla. in two days."

We are as we have been save that Jim and I are in a Sorcerer's Apprentice cycle: each time we complete something two new necessities replace it and we never get to matters that have been pending too long.

The only real delay on WW IV is mechanical. The offset photog made the negatives too long, top to bottom, cutting off the pagination of the transcript and making the rest look like hell. So, it all had to be shot all over again. I'd expected to get a call to go check the proofs Tuesday and it is after noon on Thursday. The word from Jim day before yesterday is that they'd be ready today or for tomorrow a.m. and that I'd hear. I'm waiting. However, I'm not really disturbed over the delay because we may on our own delay it longer. However, I would have liked to have had copies for use in a few places, like subsidiary-use sales. Believe it or not, I had initial success at ABC News in interesting them in a feature/documentary. They have our only extra incomplete xerox. The man who made decisions, I guess in NYC and I guess Av Westin, was "away until after Labor Day." Or until some indefinite time beginning day before yesterday. The Washington news director was my approach and the 5 minutes he could spare when I made the approach stretched into more than an hour and delayed conferences he had. We'll see. I also made an approach to the Nat. Enquirer, where the only one I know well is on vacation for at least two more weeks. I've also drafted a Harlan piece (thanks for the Times one) for him, but not the way they'd use it (which I'd never try to anticipate anyway).

Some time has gone into FOI efforts. As I'd warned the Nader experts, they were kidding themselves if they believed the feds would live up to any deal simply because it seemed that Ford had given EMK his word. The last I heard - and it was from them - there'd been the foreseen (by me, anyway) doublecross and the amended law(if enacted as amended) is worse. The unwillingness of the bright young to learn is more perplexing than any inability.

I've spent early morning trying to do odds and ends on the laid-aside WG book. I'm down to three unremembered items in that stack.

Ray matters have taken some time and have been exceptionally successful. Can wait. Jim has every reason for pride. We may wind up having established a precedent for greatly extended discovery rights for those successful in habeas corpus efforts. At the district court level we have. The desparate state is appealing. They have to go to the same circuit court in which we prevailed on appeal, Cinn., and the local judge of that court refused to hear their appeal himself, sending them to the full court. They have had to drop all the crap about conflict because of a very tough letter I wrote the judge and an strong affidavit Jim filed, so they are reduced to arguing that criminal rather than civil rules apply. If they prevail this means we can subpoena anyone from anywhere and we'll still have a great victory. But we really plan to let them stall, trying as best we can to avoid and force compliance with these broad discovery successes and to go ahead regardless of the state of discovery on 10/22. This means that WWIV or no WW IV Jim and I will have to go away for a while some time after the middle of the month. His last estimate was after 9/18/ and then for the hearing, before it begins.

So, you are now up to date here.

Any major move is a major wrench at any age unless one has no attachments. When it means the end or for all practical purposes the immediate end of close relationships with those who mean much to us and most of all when there are emotional tied there is, inevitably, an emotional stress. However, I think that with you as soon as you adjust to your new environment you'll find that in every way this will be a much better situation and in all ways much better life unless you keep looking backward, perhaps in

loneliness, perhaps feeling unfulfilled need. However, I do not believe that with you this will be the reality. In most ways you are quite mature for the years you have spent gaining experience with life. I do expect that once you have settled in and made (what I would expect to be a fairly rapid) adjustemnat to your new surroundings you will also find and appreciate new friends.

For the period of adjustment it is good that you have work to do on your apt. and for orsintation because it keeps you occupied until you are ready to adjust. It is always better for adjustments and xxmaadaptations not to be under pressures. You will be too busy to be too hasty. This will give you time to put it all together and I am certain you'll have no real problems at all, personal, emotional, academic or of any other nature. You may not be willing to anticipate this because you are in the one who had the immediate turmoil but you'll find it is this way. I've been through it and in a close enough approximation of each aspect if not by the same dustance. I think, in fact, that having to make an entirely new start and on your own, entirely on your own, is really very good for you. And again I mean in all ways. It will be quite enriching and it will expand all your concepts, including emotional. And, of course, experiences.

You really are going to find these the best years you've had to date. You'll learn that you have also been under perhaps unrecognized pressures family-related and now gone. They will be a kind of relief you'll welcome. They'll mean a new feeling and reality of more freedom, still again in the fullest sense.

Lil calls for lunch. More later if I've time.

It is the same anti-labor Caddy. I have that in the book, only not the welcome clip you sent and I've not yet read.

I don't know if there is a local underground paper there or if there is if you'll take the time for it. Don't on this score. But if you do and if you see anything on Livingston and the Ray case, don't just get disgusted and throw it away. Let me have it. We are troubledx over the wild things he is doing and he just doesn't stop no matter how strongly we address him, and Jim and I have and now Bud is going to.

Best,